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SIR:

Petitioner, Applicant of the above referenced application hereby petition for an extension of time of three months to and including Oct 16,2003 to respond to the Office Action mailed on April 4, 2003.

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